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Abstract:

A method and a system for estimating visceral fat area (VFA) of a subject uses the product of the Xth power of a height value (Ht) and the Yth power of a fat mass value (FM), through a parameter expressed as FM/Ht^2 or Ht^2/FM , or by using an equation expressed as $VFA = C11*FM/Ht^2 + C12*Age + C13$, where each of X and Y are a number other than zero. The method and the system decrease estimation errors due to height, thereby enabling common use by a number of nations each having a different average height, and decreasing cost of development and manufacturing.